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1. ON JULY 7 FOLLOW-UP MADE BOTH A FURTHER STEP FORWARD CONFIDENTIAL

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AND TWO STEPS BACKWARD. THE ADVANCE WAS REFLECTED IN

SOVIET AGREEMENT TO STOP QUIBBLING ABOUT US LEGAL IMPLICATION LANGUAGE AND TO AGREE TO A DEAL WHICH APPEARS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ALLIES, NEUTRALS, ROMANIANS AND TO OURSELVES. ACCORDING TO THIS BARGAIN, ALLIES AGREED TO ACCEPT THE VERB "INTEND" TO REPLACE THE ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION "DETERMINED" DESIRING" IN PARA 3 OF PREAMBLE; AND SOVIETS ACCEPTED PHRASE "DECLARE THE"THEIR RESOLVE" IN ALL OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AS IMPLEMENTATION PHRASE IN BOTH OPERATIVE PARAS 1 AND 2.

- 2. COMMENT: WE PLAN TO CONCUR ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS THIS PROPOSAL AFTERNOON JULY 8 SINCE IT APPEARS TO FALL CLEARLY WITHIN PRVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT. DELEGATION LEGAL ADVISOR CONCURS.
- 3. THE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS BACKWARD STEP AROSE WHEN BELGIANS INFORMED NATO CAUCUS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOLLOW-UP WORKING GROUP, THAT DAVIGON FOUND COMPROMISE PARA 2 B (REFTEL A) TOO WEAK AND WISHED TO REPLACE WORD "INCLUDING" IN LAST SENTENCE THIS SUBPARAGRAPH WITH "WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE"; A PHRASE WHICH AT THIS STAGE, IN VIEW OF ALL CONCERNED, WOULD FRACTURE THE DELICATE UNDERWTANDING WHICH ROMANIANS AND NEUTRALS REACHED ON THIS PARAGRAPH. ALLIES, INCLUDING FRENCH, ATHEREFORE PLEADED WITH BELGIANS IN NATO CAUCUS NOT TO ANNOUNCE THIS POSITION UNTIL BELGIAN GOVERNMENT COULD RECONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF UNGLUEING THIS CENTRAL FOLLOW-UP COMPROMISE.
- 4. UNFORTUNATELY, BELGIANS DID OR COULD NOT HEED THIS ADVICE AND RAISED MATTER IN WORKDING GROUP. THIS IMMEDIATELY PRECIPITATED ROMANIAN AND YUGOSLAV REPLY THAT THEY ALSO HAD "NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS" THEY PLANNED TO INTRODUCE. EC-NINE DELS HERE ARE, IN MEANTIME, URGENTLY ATTEMPTOING TO HAVE THEIR REPS AT EC-NINE MEETING NOW UNDERWAY IN ROME PERSUADE THE BELGIANS TO DROP THIS POINT.
- 5. FURTHER NEW PROBLEM AROSE AS A RESULT OF ROMANIAN SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED LIST OF EXPERTS MEETINGS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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BE HELD BETWEEN NOW AND 1977, AS WELL AS OF AN UNEXPECTED NEW ROMANIAN PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH CSCE RELATIONSHIP TO ECE AND UNESCO. BOTH POINTS WILL BE DEALT WITH SEPTEL. DALE

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